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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRIDGETOWN 0603

PASS AMBASSADOR ORTIZ - ARA/CAR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, PINR, AC, SF, US

SUBJ: CONTINUING CHARGES AGAINST SPACE RESEARCH CORP.

REF: BRIDGETOWN 599

1. REFTEL CONTAINED TEXT OF TELEX WHICH EMBASSY RECEIVED MARCH 1 FROM ANTIGUA WORKERS UNION (AWU) CONDEMNING US AND ANTIGUA GOVERNMENTS FOR ALLOWING SPACE RESEARCH CORPORATION (SRC) TO USE US-CHARTERED VESSELS FOR TRANS-SHIPPING ARMS THROUGH ANTIGUA TO RHODESIA.

2. AWU TELEX SHOWS COPIES TO US STATE DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, DC.

3. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM COMMANDER US NAVAL FACILITY BARBADOS THAT US-CHARTERED VESSEL MENTIONED IN AWU TELEX AS NOW ENROUTE TO ANTIGUA FROM PORT CANAVERAL MAY BE M.V. INAGUA CLOUD SCHEDULED ARRIVE ANTIGUA MARCH 2 AND BARBADOS MARCH 4 WITH SUPPLIES FOR US MILITARY FACILITIES, PRESUMABLY ALONG WITH CARGO FOR OTHER CONSIGNEES.

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4. WE BELIEVE THAT PUBLICITY WHICH WILL BE GENERATED BY THESE CONTINUING ACCUSATIONS REQUIRES DEFINITIVE DETERMINATION THAT CHARGES ARE FALSE. ACCUSATION IN AWU TELEX (REFTEL) IS SEEMINGLY SPECIFIC ENOUGH TO PERMIT VERIFICATION. IF NOT ALREADY UNDERTAKEN, EMBASSY URGES THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF SRC ACTIVITIES.

5. PENDING RESULTS THIS INVESTIGATION, WE RECOMMEND THAT EMBASSY ACKNOWLEDGE AWU TELEX, MENTIONING THAT US GOVERNMENT HAS NOTED AWU'S CONCERN AND SUGGESTING THAT AWU PROVIDE ANY EVIDENCE SUPPORTING ITS CLAIMS TO ANTIGUA GOVERNMENT. FYI, ANTIGUA GOVERNMENT HAS DENIED VALIDITY OF AWU CHARGES, WHILE AWU HAS NEVER STATED IT MADE EVIDENCE AVAILABLE TO ANTIGUA GOVERNMENT.

6. PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY WHETHER DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH THIS COURSE OF ACTION.  
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